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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Proposed Agency Information Collection

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on a proposed collection of information that DOE is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in **ADDRESSES** as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to **Claudia Cantoni** or by fax at **(301) 903-5488**, or by e-mail at claudia.cantoni@science.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to **Claudia Cantoni** or by fax at **(301) 903-5488**, or by e-mail at **claudia.cantoni@science.doe.gov**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

(1) OMB No.1910-5166; (2) Information Collection Request Title: **Small Business**

Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR)

Commercialization Survey; (3) Type of Request: **Three-year extension**; (4) Purpose:

The DOE needs this information to satisfy the program requirements of the Small Business Act, including requirements established in the SBIR program

reauthorization legislation, P.L. 106-554 and P.L. 107-50. This data will be collected

by the DOE and provided to the Small Business Administration (SBA) to maintain

information about SBIR/STTR awards issued through the two programs. This data

will be provided by DOE based on information collected from SBIR/STTR

awardees. This data will be used by DOE, SBA, and Congress to assess the

commercial impact of these two programs; (5) Annual Estimated Number of

Respondents: **2,500**; (6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: **2,500**; (7)

Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: **2,500**; (8) Annual Estimated Reporting and

Recordkeeping Cost Burden: **\$120,000**.

Statutory Authority: **Section 9 of the Small Business Act, as amended, codified at 15**

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